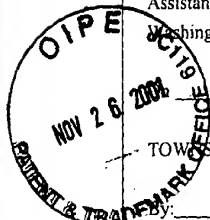


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I, Thomas D. Schneider, and I, Paul N. Hengen, hereby declare the following:

We are the named and true inventors in the above-referenced patent application, and we are co-inventors of the subject matter disclosed and claimed in the application, and the only inventors of the subject matter.

We are co-authors of the paper entitled "Information analysis of Fis binding sites" in *Nucl. Acids Res.* 25:4994-5002, 1997. To the extent that the subject matter disclosed and claimed in the above-referenced application is also disclosed in the paper, we are the sole inventors of said subject matter. The other co-authors of the publication, Stacy L. Bartram, and Lisa E. Stewart, were working under our supervision and are not co-inventors.

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